

## **CTK E-News Contents May 5, 2016**

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### **A Note From Pastor Andrew**

Mother's Day is this coming Sunday. It seems early this year, but that is neither here nor there. I am looking forward to celebrating this with everyone here at church, but also with Katie and the kids. We, of course, make a full day of it. We eat at a restaurant and give little gifts to honor and rejoice the gift of family. These days of honor and celebration are wonderful reminders of how we are all connected and the love we have for each other. Many often forget of the sacrifices parents, mothers, endure for our children. For that matter, every year I believe it is important to expand our joy for those who perhaps do not have children of their own, but have filled the role for someone. Often, I see reminders of what it means to be a mother versus a mom, and a father versus a dad. So many families in this world have such specific identities, or a different way would be to say, certain definitions for family. It is hard to keep track. In fact, I believe it is beside the point. What matters is what is underneath holidays such as Mother's Day, honor, respect, love, etc.

One of the Ten Commandments is to honor your mother and father. Jesus spoke often of family. He often spoke of caring for others of honoring others, loving others. How many times have we heard Jesus saying we are all children of God? In short, if this is the case than we are all family. We are all father, mother, sister, brother to each one another, and if this is the case than we are charged via our faith to honor each other. Yet, how often do we take the opportunity to do such a thing? How often do we thank, for example, the greeter at Meijer, or the checkout woman at Kroger who always has a smile on her face? Have you ever welcomed them to share a piece of their life with you? If so, did you realize you were ministering to them, you were honoring them, you were being the face of God to them? You can learn so much when we do this, you gain so much.

This Sunday is a day we set aside for Mothers. Women who deserve quite a bit. Some may say these days are "Hallmark Holidays." Perhaps, but I believe they ask of us, they remind us to stop and take time to honor our family. Both immediate and extended. Thank God for mothers and thank God for you.

Pastor Andrew

### **Announcements**

#### **River of Hope**

River of Hope worship is every Thursday evening at 6:30 p.m.

#### **Sunday School**

We will have Sunday school at 10:00 a.m. for all youth. Please join us!!!

#### **Church Council**

The next Church Council meeting is Sunday, May 15, 2015 at 11:45 a.m. (or immediately following adult Bible Study). We meet the third Sunday of every month. Anyone is welcome to attend.

#### **Pancake Breakfast**

Join us the first Sunday of every month for a free breakfast. Our next breakfast is this Sunday, June 5 at 8:45 a.m.! This is a free meal provided by CTK Fellowship team. Everyone is welcome.

### **CTK Council**

Terri Forthoffer-President, Scott DeWitt-Vice President, Jean Pezzell-Treasurer, Sue Halamka\*-Financial Secretary, Sue Halamka\*-Recording Secretary, Gail Carlson, Cindy Goerke, Steve Halamka, Sue Gregory-Herfert, Gary Herfert, Robin Mitchell, Dan Smith, Pastor Andrew (\*Not on Church Council)

### **Water Bottle Collection for Flint**

Car magnets are now available to order. The cost is \$12 each. Please see Scott to order. CTK will now be collection water bottles for the people of Flint. Please bring purchased water bottles to CTK. We will take the water bottles to Salem Lutheran church for distribution. Any questions see Scott DeWitt.

We currently have 10 drop-off locations around the area:

1. Metamora Shell & Tubby's - 3839 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
2. Pine Knob Mobile - 3492 S. Lapeer Rd. Metamora
3. Sunoco -1489 Lapeer Rd. Lapeer. Just north of the Hospital
4. Westside Market -2990 w. Genesee St. Lapeer
5. The Country Market - 2236 Imlay City Rd. Lapeer
6. Hadley Corner Store - 3500 S Hadley Rd. Hadley
7. H B's Country Market - 550 S Elba Rd. Lapeer
8. Country Side Stop In - 3892 Bronson Lake Rd. Lapeer
9. Sawdust Corners Marathon - 3528 N Lapeer Rd. Lapeer
10. Christ The King Lutheran Church-911 Baldwin Rd. Lapeer

### **New Project for May**

Each month CTK will be collecting a specific item for an organization in Lapeer. For the month of May we will be collecting feminine products for the Personal Needs Pantry at Trinity Methodist Church. Please bring items to CTK. Thank you!

### **Baby Bottles**

It is that time again, grab a baby bottle on your way out of church and fill it with your loose change. All money goes to the Lapeer Pregnancy Center. Thank you!

### **Prayer Time**

Every Wednesday from 11:30 -12:30 Pastor Andrew opens the sanctuary for a time of prayer. All are welcome to stop by anytime in-between and take as long as needed to find a place to re-center with God. The current format uses meditative music and a closing communal prayer. However, the time is flexible and open to nurture the needs of God's people (format can change). If possible stop by and take time for God in the middle of your week. You won't be sorry.

### **Tigers Game with Grace Episcopal Church**

Grace Episcopal is getting a bus for the Tigers game on Friday, June 24. Call Harold Snider at 810-441-5589 to make your reservation or for more details. Cost is \$70 per person.

### **Loons Game**

Mark your calendars for August 14- we will go to the Loons game in Midland. Cost is \$9 per person, kids 12 and under get free hotdog, chips and drink, we will carpool from CTK. Game starts at 2 pm. Please sign up on bulletin board ASAP so we know how many tickets to reserve.

### **Mexican Potluck**

Please join us on Saturday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. for our annual Mexican potluck. Invite family and friends. Please bring a dish to share.

### **CTK Teams**

All our Team meetings are open to everyone. Please stop in and see what we are doing.

#### **Marketing & Publicity/ Outreach Team**

Marketing & Publicity Team and Outreach Team will meet together, our next meeting is May 5 at 7:15 p.m. We meet the first Thursday of every month.

#### **Fellowship Team**

Next meeting is on May 8 at 9:30 a.m. We meet the second Sunday of every month

#### **Worship Team**

Our next meeting is Thursday, May 26 at 5:45 p.m. We meet the fourth Thursday of every month.

### **CTK Small Groups**

#### **Women's Bible Study**

Women's Bible study will meet at Linda Hash's house on May 16 at 1:00 pm.

#### **Sowing Threads of Fellowship**

We are back. We will meet on the first Monday of each month at 1:00pm (note time change). Our next meeting is Monday, June 6.

#### **Women's Group**

Women's group meets the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 pm at CTK. We share a meal together, share stories and laughter. Come and join us! Anyone is welcome, if you have never been before, come and see what is happening!! Our next meeting is May 10 at The Blindfish in Lapeer. We will meet at the restaurant. Please sign up on the bulletin board so we know how many to plan for. Thank you.

### **Schedule of Events**

#### **Thursday, May 5**

6:30 pm River of Hope

7:15 pm Marketing & Publicity/Outreach Team meeting

#### **Sunday, May 8-Mother's Day**

9:30 am Fellowship Team meeting

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

#### **Tuesday, May 10**

6:00 pm Women's Group\*

#### **Wednesday, May 11**

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

#### **Thursday, May 12**

6:30 pm River of Hope

**Friday and Saturday, May 13-14**

Southeast Michigan Synod Assembly

**Sunday, May 15**

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Bible Study

11:45 am Church Council

**Monday, May 16**

1:00 pm Women's Bible Study\*

**Wednesday, May 18**

11:30 am-12:30 pm Prayer Time

**Thursday, May 19**

6:30 pm River of Hope

**Saturday, May 21**

5:30 pm Mexican Potluck

**Sunday, May 22**

10:00 am Worship

10:00 am Sunday School

11:00 am Fellowship

11:00 am Bible Study